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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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Ms. Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 449X); BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment  
Exemption – in Swift County, MN**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments to abandon and discontinue service over a 0.54-mile line of railroad between Engineering Stations 0 + 00 and 28 + 61 near Appleton, in Swift County, MN. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 4, 2007 (72 FR 16409). The exemption became effective on May 4, 2007.

Bridge ownership issues and winter weather conditions have delayed salvage. BNSF is, therefore, requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until April 3, 2009.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 352-2308.

Sincerely,

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cc: Susan Odom  
John Sims